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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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April 22, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

As state legislators representing District 35 in Bismarck, we are writing to urge your approval of an application by Qwest to sell long distance in North Dakota.


Telecommunications are increasingly important to the consumers we represent, be it individuals or businesses. We believe allowing Qwest to enter the long distance market will stimulate competition and improve choices and services for consumers throughout North Dakota. The 1996 Telecommunications Act passed by Congress was intended to do just that. We believe it's time to complete this promise for North Dakota.

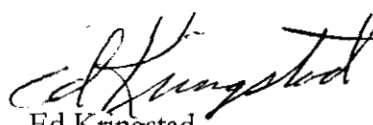
Evidence from other states is quite compelling. In states where the regional bell company has been allowed into the market, costs have dropped by 10 percent or more. Furthermore, competition for local phone service in these states has also increased and prices have gone down.

Just as significant as the cost savings is the regulatory relief this act will provide. Approving this application will eliminate the LATA regulatory scheme that currently restricts Qwest's operations in our state and is sadly outdated. Our businesses are demanding more broad band options, yet we are limited by LATA restrictions from fully utilizing what is already available with our state's largest telecommunications provider Qwest. Removing these regulations is long overdue.

Thank your for your prompt attention to this application. We encourage you to move quickly to provide 271 relief to Qwest in North Dakota.

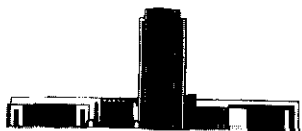
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Bob Martinson
District 35 Representative


Ed Kringstad
District 35 Senator

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I understand the FCC is currently reviewing an application to allow our state's regional bell operating company Qwest into the long distance market. This change will have a number of important positive benefits for our state and I strongly urge you to approve this application without delay.

As a longtime state Senator, I have been involved in efforts to improve our state's competitiveness and enhance economic growth. We realize that telecommunication services are a key factor in business location and success in today's global market.

Qwest is our state's largest telecommunications provider with the most infrastructure. Nevertheless, the current LATA regulatory scheme restricts the ability of Qwest and all North Dakota consumers to take full advantage of this infrastructure. For example, a business operating in both Bismarck and Fargo, our state's two largest cities, cannot choose Qwest as a provider of a secure data network.

Businesses in our state are in serious need of more broadband options. To meet this need, we must first be able to maximize the capacity of our state's existing infrastructure. Approving Qwest's application will eliminate the outdated LATA regulations, and will be a step in the right direction for maximizing North Dakota's IT infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Joel Heitkamp, Assistant Minority Leader
North Dakota Senate

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April 3, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

I understand you are currently reviewing an application by Qwest to sell long distance in North Dakota. As a state legislator and farmer, I urge you to approve this application.

Quite simply, it's time to complete the deregulation process that was initiated by the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Competition in the telecom industry has stimulated an explosion of new technologies that are a boon to rural states like North Dakota. The current regulatory scheme that prevents only one company, Qwest, from fully competing in North Dakota's telecommunications market no longer makes sense.

I am a firm believer in competition and the free market. I believe Qwest's entry into our state's long distance market will enhance the competitive atmosphere here for local and long distance services. And, it will allow businesses to take full advantage of the broadband infrastructure that Qwest owns and operates throughout North Dakota.

I urge you to approve Qwest's application to enter North Dakota's long distance market without delay.

Sincerely,

Tom Brusegaard,
District 19 Representative

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February 20, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I understand the FCC is currently reviewing an application to open North Dakota's long distance market to competition from our regional bell operating company Qwest. I strongly urge you to approve this application.

Qwest's entry into the long distance market will have several significant benefits for North Dakota consumers. In other states where the regional bell company has been allowed into the market, costs have dropped by 10 percent or more and competition for local phone service has also increased. Telecommunications are a growing cost for most businesses and individuals. North Dakotans deserve to benefit from these lower costs.

Furthermore, the LATA restrictions that currently prevent Qwest from selling long distance or carrying data traffic statewide also need to be eliminated. Qwest is North Dakota's largest telecommunications provider. They have more telecommunications infrastructure than any other provider in our state, yet businesses that operate statewide cannot choose them as their data or long distance phone service provider.

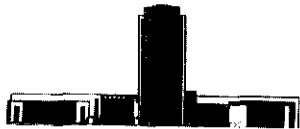
This kind of regulation just doesn't make sense in a rural state like North Dakota where every fiber of infrastructure should be maximized to its full capacity.

This is an important issue for North Dakota. Other states are already benefiting from a more competitive market. I urge you to act quickly and vote favorably to allow North Dakota to join them.

Sincerely,

Amy Kliniske-Warnke
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Feb. 15, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

I understand the FCC is currently reviewing an application to open North Dakota's long distance market to competition and eliminate the LATA lines that currently regulate operations of our state's regional bell operating company Qwest. I strongly urge you to move quickly to approve this application.

As chairman of the Industry, Business and Labor committee of the North Dakota House, I am keenly interested in anything that can improve the business climate in my state. Allowing Qwest to enter the long distance market will do that in several ways.

First and foremost, approving this application will eliminate the outdated LATA regulatory scheme that currently restricts Qwest's operations in our state. Qwest is the largest telecommunications provider with substantial infrastructure in North Dakota. Nevertheless, because of the LATA restrictions, consumers cannot take full advantage of this infrastructure. Our businesses are crying for more broadband options. We must be able to maximize the capacity of our state's existing infrastructure. Eliminating LATA line restrictions is long overdue.

In addition, allowing Qwest to compete with other long distance providers will save consumers money. Studies show that North Dakotans could save up to \$17 million per year due to the downward price pressure that a facilities-based competitor like Qwest will apply to the market.

North Dakota businesses spend millions on telecommunications services. We must ensure that consumers here have access to the same high quality, competitively priced services that are available elsewhere. It's time to complete the promise of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. I encourage you to move quickly to provide 271 relief to Qwest in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Rick Berg, Chairman
House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Dear Chairman Powell,

It is my understanding that the FCC is currently reviewing an application to allow North Dakota's regional bell operating company, Qwest, into the long distance market. I truly hope you will approve this application.

As a business person and a legislator representing our state's fastest growing region, I strongly support Qwest's application. The current LATA restrictions that prevent Qwest from selling long distance or carrying data traffic statewide need to be eliminated. Qwest is our largest telecommunications provider, yet businesses that operate statewide cannot chose Qwest as their data or long distance phone service provider. Businesses are required to find third parties to carry their traffic across the LATA lines, and this just doesn't make sense in today's fast paced business environment. In my district alone there are numerous companies for which this is a costly, time consuming and unnecessary burden.

Additionally, opening the long distance market will save consumers money. In other states where the regional bell company has been allowed into the market, costs have dropped by 10 percent or more. Even more encouraging is the fact that competition for the local phone service has also increased in these states. Telecommunications are a growing cost for most of the businesses and the individual citizens in our state. It is important that we allow them the benefit of these lower costs.

I would so appreciate your quick approval of Qwest's application to sell long distance in North Dakota. It is really important and we need your help to accomplish this goal.

Thank you,

Kathy Hawken
District 46 Representative

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June 20, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

As majority leader of the North Dakota House of Representatives, I am writing to urge your approval of Qwest's application to sell long distance in North Dakota.

I live in and represent a rural district, and am well aware of the economic challenges we face in our state. Recruiting and retaining businesses in rural and urban areas is a challenge, and telecommunications services play an important role in attracting and supporting these businesses.

Congress recognized the changing nature of this industry, and passed the Telecommunications Act in 1996 to stimulate competition and to improve technologies. I believe Qwest's presence in the long distance market will help do just that, and as a result costs will go down for consumers. This certainly has been the experience in other states in which the Regional Bell Operating Company has been allowed to enter the long distance market. I am encouraged by evidence that indicates North Dakotans will save more than \$17 million, and competition for local service will increase as well.

Furthermore, it's time to change the LATA regulatory scheme that currently restricts Qwest's operations in our state. This is outdated and punishes businesses and consumers with additional costs while providing no real benefit.

This is an important issue for North Dakota. In fact, our Legislature passed a resolution in support of the 271 process during the 2001 legislative session. Other states are already benefiting from 271 relief. Please do not delay in approving Qwest's application to sell long distance in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Wes Belter, Majority Leader
North Dakota House of Representatives

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June 13, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

As a citizen, business operator and former governor of North Dakota, I am writing to express support for completing the deregulation process that was initiated by the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

I am aware that Qwest has applied to your agency for permission to sell long distance in North Dakota, and I encourage you to approve this application.

Allowing Qwest into our state's long distance market will have a number of benefits. In my opinion the most significant benefit is the elimination of the LATA regulatory scheme that is a burden to individuals and businesses here. LATA regulations significantly increase costs for consumers, especially statewide businesses. LATA requirements create bureaucratic stumbling blocks and hinder the full use of Qwest's sizable infrastructure in North Dakota. All the while, this regulatory scheme provides essentially no contemporary benefit to consumers.

Approving Qwest's application will also set the stage for significant cost savings. Enough states have already completed this process to prove that the presence of the Baby Bells in the long distance market has a significant downward influence on prices. Studies estimate that North Dakota consumers will save more than \$17 million per year.

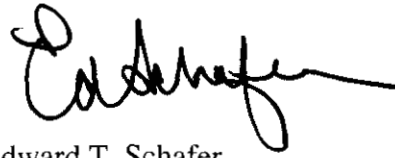
Telecommunications are critical to nearly every business today. As governor, I watched countless communities and businesses struggle to address the growing need for affordable, reliable telecommunications services. Considering these steep demands, North Dakota must embrace every measure that can help stimulate competition in this

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critical industry. Allowing Qwest to sell long distance is a step in the right direction for North Dakota consumers.

I urge the FCC to approve Qwest's application without delay.

Sincerely,

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Edward T. Schafer
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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Jim Poolman
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to act favorably on the North Dakota application before you to make our state's long distance market more competitive.

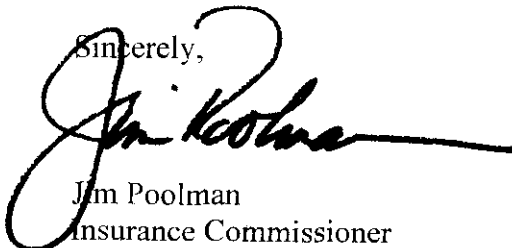
North Dakota leaders are working hard to diversify our state's economy and create a more vibrant business environment that relies less on production agriculture and more on information technology, manufacturing, food processing and other high-value industries.

High quality, affordable telecommunications services are critical to our effort to promote business growth and development. You have before you an application from Qwest to enter the long distance market in our state. This is an important step in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that was intended to encourage competition, reduce costs and improve services for consumers.

Studies indicate that in states where the local bell company has been allowed into the long distance market, consumers are saving money. Furthermore, competition for local phone service in these states has also increased. These are all very favorable outcomes.

This is a competitive issue for North Dakota. Businesses and individuals must be able to receive the same affordable telecommunications services here as in other parts of our country. It's time to bring full competition to this industry in North Dakota. I urge you to act quickly and favorably on Qwest's application.

Sincerely,



Jim Poolman
Insurance Commissioner

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I understand the FCC will soon be considering Qwest's "271 request". I am writing to express my support for Qwest's request before the FCC.

The PUC has worked diligently over the past two years to ensure that Qwest complies with the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe they have met the tests and requirements of that Act.

Again, I would urge the FCC to approve Qwest's 271 request. Thank you for your favorable consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Tom Plant
State Representative
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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you to express my full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. As a member of the Colorado State Senate, I recognize that increased competition will provide my constituents with more choice, lower prices, better service and access to new products.

I also believe that increased long distance competition will generate additional investment in the state of Colorado further enhancing our business climate. Increased competition will also strengthen our ability to recruit industries to the state and create new jobs.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission will soon be considering Qwest's "271 request." I encourage the members of the Federal Communications Commission to act as expeditiously as possible and to approve the application. My constituents have waited too long for the benefits of competition.

I am aware that the Colorado Utilities Commission has worked diligently for several years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications ACT of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. Therefore, I once again ask the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and if you have questions, please call me at 303-866-4869.

Sincerely,


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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you to express my full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. As a member of the Colorado State Senate, I recognize that increased competition will provide my constituents with more choices, lower prices, better service and access to new products.

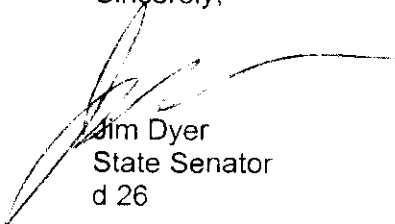
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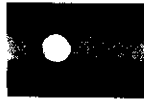
I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for several years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. Therefore, I once again ask the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and if you have questions, please call me at 303-866-4846.

Sincerely,


Jim Dyer
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you to express my full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. As a member of the Colorado State Senate I recognize that increased competition will provide my constituents with more choices, lower prices, better service and access to new products.

I also believe that increased long distance competition will generate additional investment in the state of Colorado further enhancing our business climate. Increased competition will also strengthen our ability to recruit industries to the state and create new jobs.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission will soon be considering Qwest's "271 request". I encourage the members of the Federal Communications Commission to act as expeditiously as possible and to approve the application. My constituents have waited too long for the benefits of competition.

I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for several years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. Therefore, I once again ask the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and if you have questions please call me at 303-866-2318.

Sincerely,

John Andrews
Senate Minority Leader

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Washington, DC 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you to express my complete support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. As a rural member of the Colorado House of Representatives I recognize that increased competition will provide my constituents with more choices, lower prices, better service and access to new products. Rural areas of most states suffer from multiple reduced competition scenarios and Colorado is not different in that regard.

It is my belief that the Colorado business climate will benefit from additional investments generated by increased long distance competition. Increased competition will also strengthen our ability to recruit industries to the state and create new jobs.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission will soon be considering Qwest's "271" request. **I encourage the members of the Federal Communications Commission to act as expeditiously as possible and to approve the application.** Colorado consumers have waited too long for the benefits of effective competition.

I am also aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for over two years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. To my knowledge Qwest has met all of the criteria for a competitive market, open access and passes that test. There is no doubt that Qwest will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. Accordingly, I see no reason for the Federal Communications Commission to delay this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue important to all of Colorado. Should you have questions that I may assist with please call me at (970) 564-0999.

Sincerely,



Mark Larson
State Representative
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I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for over two years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. Therefore, I once again ask the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and if you have questions, please call me at 303-866-2586.

Sincerely,

Dave Owen
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I am writing to express my full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. As a member of the Colorado State House of Representatives, I recognize that increased competition will provide my constituents with more choices, lower prices, better service and access to new products.

I also believe that increased long distance competition will generate additional investment in the state of Colorado further enhancing our business climate. Increased competition will also strengthen our ability to recruit industries to the state and create new jobs.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission will soon be considering Qwest's "271 request". I encourage the members of the Federal Communications Commission to act as expeditiously as possible and to approve the application.

I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for several years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. Therefore, I once again ask the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and if you have questions please call me at 303-866-2929.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I understand that the Federal Communications commission will soon be considering Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. Qwest is an important employer and corporate citizen to both Metro Denver and Colorado, as well as a provider of basic services to our citizens.

As a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, I wholly support the Qwest application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. When Qwest is approved, the increased competition in the marketplace will provide my constituents and the citizens of Colorado with more choices, lower prices and better service.

I encourage the members of the Federal Communications commission to act as expeditiously as possible and approve Qwest's "271" request.

I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for several years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. For this and the other reasons stated above, I request the Federal Communications Commission act quickly and favorably on the Qwest application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 303-866-2953.

Best regards,


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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance market in Colorado. As a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, I recognize that increased competition will provide my constituents with more choices, lower prices, better service and access to new products.

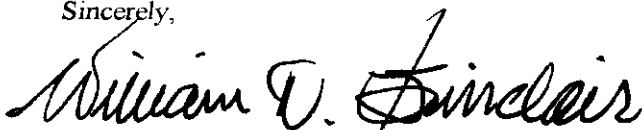
I, also, believe that increased long distance competition will generate additional investment in the state of Colorado further enhancing our business climate. Increased competition will also strengthen our ability to recruit industries to the state and create new jobs.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission will soon be considering Qwest's "271 request." I encourage the members of the Federal Communications Commission to act as expeditiously as possible and to approve the application. My constituents have waited too long for the benefits of competition.

I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently form several years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an able and effective competitor in the long distance market. Therefore, I once again ask the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and if you have any questions, please call me at 303-866-2965.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Powell:

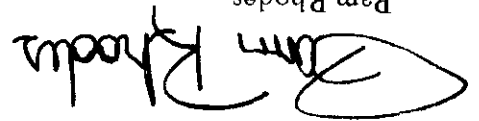
As an elected official of the thirty-first House District of Colorado, I'm writing to encourage your support of the recent application by Qwest to re-enter the long distance market. I believe this request is important to the citizens of Colorado, by granting them further competition in the telecommunications market.

This increased competition can only result in lower costs to consumers and a higher quality of service. Additionally, increased competition in the State of Colorado will create an opportunity for further business development and new jobs.

I am aware that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked for several years to ensure that Qwest complies with all the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I believe that they have met all the tests and will be an effective competitor in the long distance market. Therefore, I ask the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application.

Thank you for consideration of this request and if you have questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 303 866-2918.

Sincerely,



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